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Chairwoman's word

"World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it. The contribution which an organized and living Europe can bring to civilization is indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations".

Robert Schuman's historic words, written on his humble desk in Scy-Chazelles and pronounced on 9 May 1950 are still of utmost relevance.

Inspired by the founding fathers of Europe our Franco-German team has been formed. We firmly believe that European countries can work together to find lasting solutions for Europe. Focusing on the European Defense topic, our team composed of politicians, military and engineers of different European nationalities, aims first and foremost to raise awareness among the young generation of defense actors (students and young professionals) of the challenges of European defense. Simultaneously, it shall enable them to build a European network from the very beginning of their careers. Through conferences, seminars and analyses, we are determined to contribute to promoting the European defense spirit.

We are convinced that it is through dialogue, values of excellence, respect and mutual trust that Europe will continue to be built.

This brochure will give you more insights about the scope of our activities as well as our mainspring.

If our association particularly raised your attention, do not hesitate to contact us (our contact details are at the end of the brochure), we will be delighted to discuss with you and think about a possible partnership.

Yours truly,
Charlotte Kopp

Chairwoman of the European Defense Network

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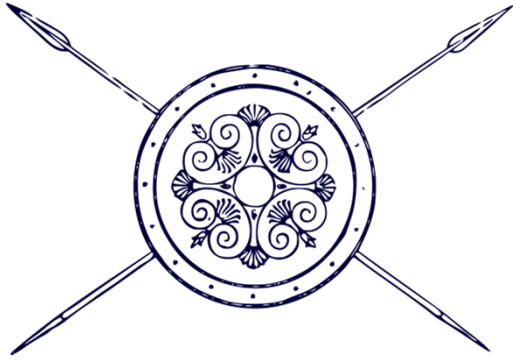
Vision

Committing to the heritage of the founders of the European Union, the European Defence Network (EDN) supports the vision of an integrated Europe that is able to guarantee the continent's sovereignty in a growingly unpredictable and volatile world.

The EDN is striving for being an enabler for the realization of this vision by **connecting Europe's young generation**, deliver insights in form of **high-quality analysis on defense topics** and finally by **training people to solve tomorrow's challenges**.

The only principle anchored in our DNA is the **belief in a strong and sustainable Europe that fosters an environment of integrity and safety for all its citizens** and as such our opinions, publications, and frameworks follow and promote none other but this principle.





Mission

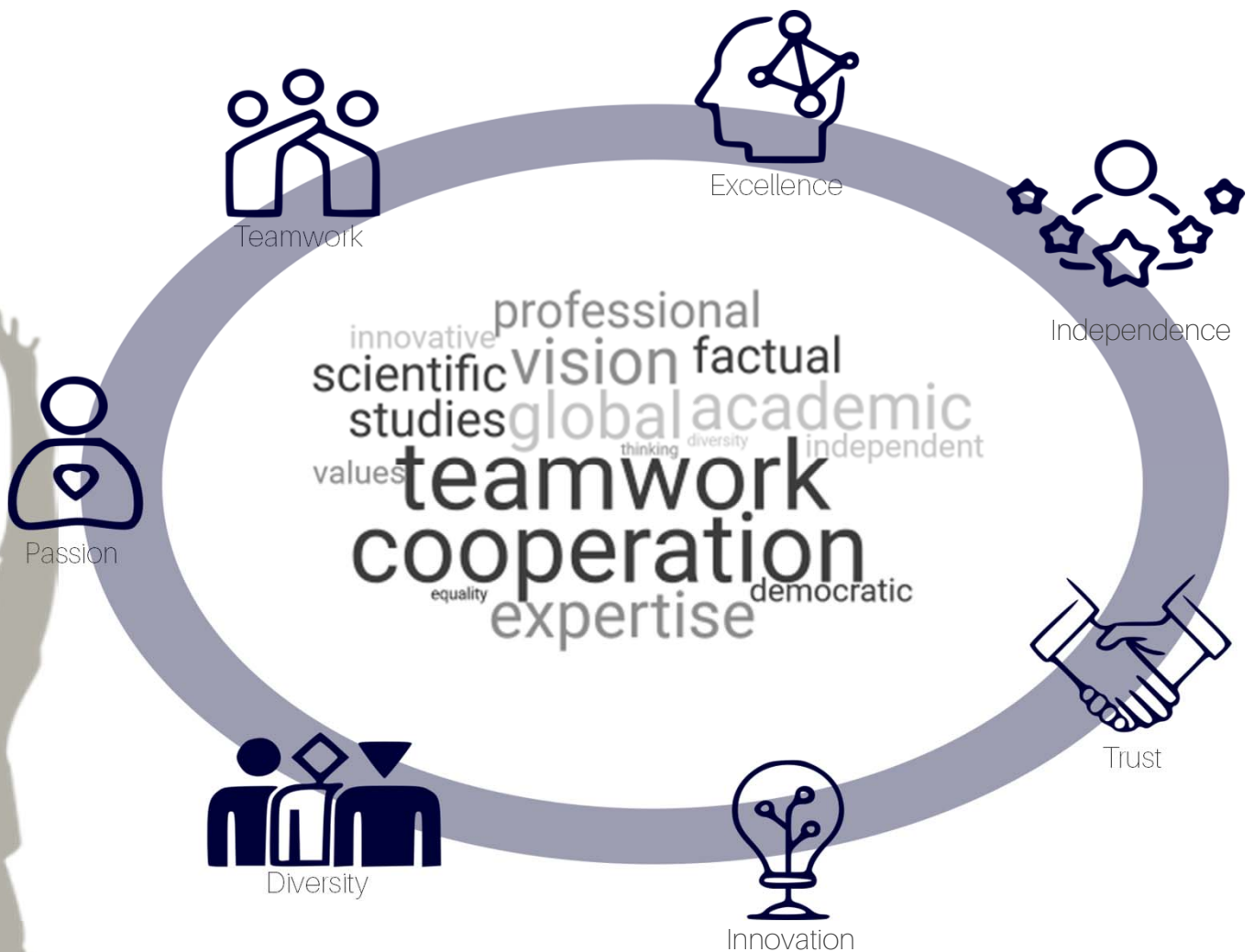
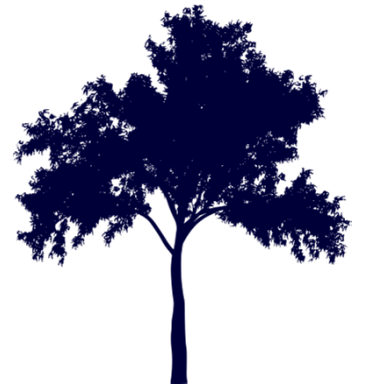
The EDN strives to build a strong network of students and young professionals, who share a passion for defense and security politics as well as for Europe.

The objective is to create forward thinking concepts and studies, organize educational and stimulating events and ultimately build a platform for international exchange of ideas on a European level.

Advised by a pool experts and deciders (wisewomen & wismen) the EDN is aiming at developing the intercultural competencies and analytical thinking of its members from academia, industry as well as from the administration (politics and military).

Accordingly, embedded in this network its members will contribute substantially to find solutions for Europe's future defense and security challenges beyond individual national interest with a special focus on younger generations to ensure equality, diversity and perspective.

Values



→ Our conclusive perspectives are not based upon and are always neutral towards political agendas, confessions, industrial influence and other distortions of any kind.

The Team



VICE CHAIRMAN

Peter, German

Serving in the German state in the A&D sector, and based on his aerospace engineering and managerial studies, Peter is currently expanding his activities in defense and security politics. He is determined to pursue his vision of a more efficient collaboration and exchange between different disciplines and domains in the specter of European defense.



CHAIRWOMAN

Charlotte, French

Charlotte has been an aeronautical engineer for over 4 years. After 2 years of VIE at Airbus Helicopters in Bavaria, she chose to move to Munich to work in consulting. She spent half her life in France and half her life in Germany. By working on the NH90 program in particular, she was able to grasp the various issues involved in multinational collaboration and had the idea of creating this organization with the main objective of contributing to the construction of a European defense on clear and solid foundations, by promoting the spirit of European defense among its young players.



GENERAL SECRETARY

Pierre-Louis, French

Eyes already turned to the sky since childhood, it was natural for Pierre-Louis to join the aeronautical world. After engineering school and advanced pilot training, it was time to get involved in major programs and discover a high level of cooperation among European neighbours. Convinced by the need to work together and promote a common European defense spirit, he wanted to get involved in this adventure.

→ Wisewomen & wisemen ←

Our wisemen are executives and decision-makers in the Defense sector. They come from industry, government (such as MoDs) or from institution (Think Tanks or Non Governmental Organizations), and agreed to offer us there support for the achievement of our goals.



HO PARTNERSHIP

Patrick, German

After completing a dual study program with a degree in Industrial Engineering, Patrick Fixmer began his employment at Airbus Defence and Space in Germany as Innovation Manager and Business Developer. Politically interested, he joined a Bavarian working group for external security and political affairs (ASP).

HO COMMUNICATION

Claire, French



After completing her studies in mechanical and aeronautical engineering, Claire has been working in the French defense industry for four years, thus enlarging her understanding of French defense topics. Bolstered by her two internship in Germany (Airbus Hamburg and ThyssenKrupp), she wants to develop the European Defense vision, especially for the younger generation. That's why she is also a Navy Reserve Officer, responsible for teaching students about Army basics and the French Marine. She perceives EDN as a great opportunity to build our Europe of tomorrow.



HO RECRUETING & ANALYSES

Lukas, German

After completing the time as a volunteer and the officer training, Lukas has been studying state and social science as officer candidate at the university of the German Armed Forces in Munich since 2017. The cooperation of the European nations is the key of our security and success in the world. In his opinion it is our responsibility, especially as a young European generation, to continue working on this and to overcome the new challenges.

HO EVENT

Brice, French



Brice has been working in the defense industry for 4 years, after graduating in aeronautical engineering. There, he quickly grew passionate about defense and operations topics. Committed to answering the challenges of today's world, he joined the EDN initiative as a founding member with the objective to bring together young Europeans and be an actor in the construction of European Defense.

OUR TARGETS

- ▶ Obtain intercultural competencies
- ▶ Develop expertise / knowledge
- ▶ Exclusive insight on intra-European level
- ▶ Discover new places

- ▶ Publications of studies
- ▶ Think together about the values, interests and strategy of Europe
- ▶ Organization of seminars & conferences

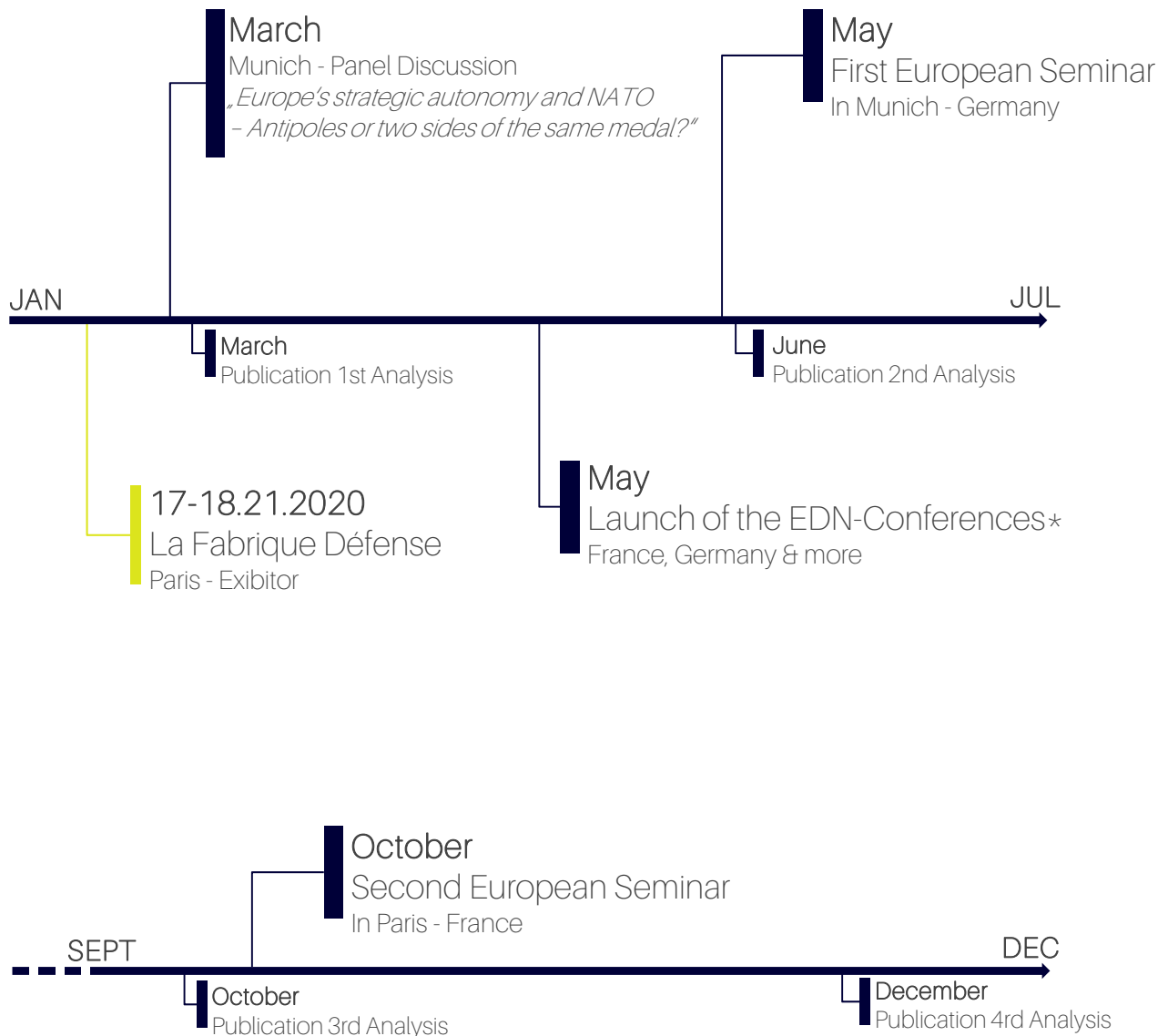
Learn Work

Promote Network

- ▶ A willingness to build a strong Europe
- ▶ A European mindset inside the young professionals

- ▶ Give the opportunity to develop a personal / professional network
- ▶ Give the opportunity to have an impact
- ▶ Offer a pool of workforce (e.g. co-publication)

AGENDA 2020



EDN is a participant

Organized by EDN

€ In order to realize this Agenda,
our budget is from 25 000€

*See page 11 for more details about the EDN Conferences

ANALYSIS

We call "analysis" all types of studies carried out by our members on European defense topics. This work can be delivered in different forms: Paper, article, video, podcast, computer graphic. .

We are committed to the idea of international teaming. Thus, our analysis are carried out by at least two EDN members from different European countries.

We support our members during the complete realization of their work, by providing them a team, a budget and an access to our wisewomen & wisemen in the frame of their study.

The passion of our members is at the heart of our values. This is why we give them the freedom to choose their subject of analysis, while supporting them with all necessary resources and contacts. Here is a non-exhaustive list of the subjects that we propose to our members:

- Military mission abroad – Franco German collaboration: chances and challenges
- Structural setup for a cooperative operation of troops and weapon systems
- Purchasing of future weapon systems: Differences between national processes
- The question of sovereignty in the cyber world
- The question of sovereignty in the European defense
- Western and Eastern Europe – Challenges for a potential common European defense architecture

In our first year, we will organize two 3-day seminars, the first one in Munich and the second one in Paris - two hot spots of the European Defense.

Our members will have the possibility to meet new members coming from other countries.

This is a great opportunity to expand their network and to understand to better the challenges of the construct of the European defense.

Standard program of a seminar:

EDN - Simulation game	Conferences & visits	Networking
Understand the national and European defense challenges from different perspectives	1 conference with a politician 1 Defense industry visitation 1 visit in a military base	Team building & historical site-seeing
1 Day	1 Day	1/2 Day

SEMINARS

EDN CONFERENCES

The big novelty this year will be the launch of the "EDN conferences".

The idea has been brought up by our engineering members, having noticed a need for more knowledge about current geopolitical issues. Knowledge that is nevertheless essential in the various armament projects in which they are working.

We offer companies in the defense sector the organization of a 2-hour conferences, particularly addressing their young professionals. The aim is to give them an overview of the political, geopolitical and economic aspects of the projects they are working on, on a European level.

The content of the EDN conference will be developed in collaboration with our current wisewomen & wisemen. They will be enriched by interviews and video messages from current European defense decision-makers.

At the end of the conferences, we will offer the audience an exchange and the possibility to become a member of the EDN.

CONFERENCES

Throughout the year, we will organize conferences on European defense topics in France and Germany, in cooperation with other associations and think tanks.

BENEFITS FOR OUR PARTNERS

- ▶ Have access to our pool of new and innovative ideas
- ▶ Get inspiration from objective and diverse perspective on European defense topics

Innovation Co-Working

- ▶ Pool of workforce (e.g. co-publication)
- ▶ Communication and education on European Defense for employees

- ▶ Effective demonstration of symbiosis between industry and politics on European level
- ▶ Self-promotion by supporting a young organization
- ▶ Promote awareness on Europe
- ▶ Get insights on the perspective of the young population

Promoting Recruiting

- ▶ Pool of committed and motivated students and young professionals

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